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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**Joint Application of American Airlines, Inc. and British Airways PLC
for Approval of and Antitrust Immunity for
an Alliance Agreement under 49 U.S.C. §§ 41308 and 41309
Docket OST-2001-10387 - 12
and
American Airlines, Inc. and British Airways PLC
for Blanket Code-Share Authorizations and Related Exemptions
Docket OST-2001-10388 - 7**

SCHEDULING NOTICE

On August 10, 2001, American Airlines, Inc., (and its affiliates TWA Airlines LLC, American Eagle Airlines, Inc., and Executive Airlines, Inc. d/b/a American Eagle) and British Airways PLC (and its affiliates British Regional Airways Limited, Brymon Airways Limited, CityFlyer Express Limited, and Deutsche BA Luftfahrtgesellschaft GmbH) filed an application for approval of and antitrust immunity for an Alliance Agreement of August 3, 2001, together with certain exhibits. On the same date, they filed a joint application for blanket code-sharing authorizations and related exemptions. American and British Airways also submitted additional documents and information in connection with the application in Docket OST-2001-10387 and filed a joint motion under 14 C.F.R. 302.12 (Rule 12) of our regulations requesting confidential treatment for this material. The motion is unopposed.¹

We have completed our initial review of these two applications and find that they are now substantially complete.

As part of their submission, we note that the Joint Applicants submitted data that they describe as "directional origin and destination data."² However, American's submissions are at variance with the information submitted by the airline in the Department's Origin-Destination Survey of Airline Passenger Traffic (O&D Survey).³ Accordingly, we require American to

¹ We will rule on the merits of the Rule 12 Motion by subsequent order. By Notice dated August 16, 2001, we granted immediate interim access to all documents covered by the motion to counsel and outside experts for interested parties, consistent with conditions agreed to by the Joint Applicants and imposed by the Department in similar recent cases. At that time, we also decided that the procedural schedule for responsive pleadings to both of the captioned applications should be the same.

² See Application at 81-83, Information Item 14.

³ For example, see American's confidential submission dated August 21, 2001, and American's confidential submission dated August 10, 2001, and identified as AA0500955-AA0500965.

file an explanation of the methodologies it used that led to these variations, no later than 3 days from the issue date of this notice.

In order to provide all interested parties sufficient time to analyze adequately and comment fully on all material in the public and non-public record, we will require that answers to the application be filed no later than 21 days from the due date for American to submit its methodology clarification, and that replies be filed no later than 7 calendar days after the last day for filing an answer.

We shall serve this notice on all persons on the service list in both dockets.

By:

SUSAN McDERMOTT
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation
and International Affairs

Date: August 27, 2001

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